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Date:-31st July, 2003

Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporate Finance 450 Fifth Street, Washington D.C. 20549, United States of America.



Dear Sir,

Attn:- International Corporate Finance

Re:- Hindalco Industries Limited-Rule 12g3-2(b) Exemption File No.82-3428

Subject: Publication of Quarterly Unaudited Financial Results.

We are sending herewith a Statement showing the "Unaudited Financial Results" (Provisional) of the Company for the Quarter period ended on 30th June, 2003.

We hope you will find this in order.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, for HINDALCO INDUSTRIES LTD.

ANIL J. JHALA
JOINT-PRESIDENT (TREASURY) &
COMPANY SECRETARY

Encl:- As above

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HINDALCO THE ADITYA BIRLA GROUP'S FLAGSHIP COMPANY Q1, FY 2003-04 SUSTAINS PERFORMANCE

Turnover

Rs. 1,155.5 Crores

PBIDT

Rs. 403.1 Crores

Net Profit

Rs. 193 0 Crores

• EPS (for the Quarter) Rs. 20.9

Financial Highlights	Quarter	Quarter
	ended 31 st	ended 31st
	June 2003	June 2002
Net Sales	1,155.5	1,197.9
PBIDT	403.1	391.5
Interest & Financing Charges	45.1	35.1
Depreciation	71.7	63.3
Profit before Tax (PBT)	286.3	293.0
Provision for Taxes	93.3	96.2
Net Profit	193.0	196.8
Equity Capital	92.5	73.7

Hindalco, the flagship Company of the Aditya Birla Group, reports sustained performance during the 1st Quarter ending June 30th, 2003.

The Company has attained a turnover of Rs. 1,155.5 Crores, which is 3.5% lower than that of Rs. 1,197.9 Crores achieved in the comparable quarter of the previous year. The Company's Profit before Interest, Depreciation and Taxes (PBIDT) is higher by 3.0% at Rs. 403.1 Crores vis-à-vis Rs. 391.5 Crores in the corresponding quarter of the earlier year. However, its Net Profit stands at Rs. 193.0 Crores as against a Rs 196.8 Crores in the corresponding quarter of the earlier year.

The Company's performance has to be viewed in the light of the planned bi-annual shutdown of its Copper division during May and June 2003. The results then are indeed impressive.

Of the Company's overall turnover of Rs. 1,155.5 Crores, the Aluminium division has contributed to Rs. 664.4 Crores, mirroring a 13.4% increase over Rs. 586.0 Crores in the corresponding quarter of last year. Higher volumes and a continued thrust on value added products have been its growth enablers.

In Aluminium, although international commodity prices improved during the quarter over the corresponding quarter last year, intensifying competition in the marketplace and a higher proportion of exports capped realisations at the level of the last year. Operating margins at 38.1% when compared to 39.1% achieved in the corresponding quarter of the previous year have declined marginally. However, on an encouraging note, this is on the recovery path since the Fourth Quarter of the last fiscal.

The Copper division's Net Sales at Rs. 491.1 Crores vis-à-vis Rs. 611.9 Crores achieved in the comparable quarter of the previous year, reflect a 19.7% dip, mainly on account of the lower output as a consequence of the planned shutdown, stated earlier.

Major Distinction

In a nationwide study undertaken by Business Today and AT Kearney, Hindalco has been rated as one of India's 16 Best Managed Companies. This study focused on "identifying and analying successful growth patterns of value building growth companies". Across India more than 250 companies were analysed. Of these, that Hindalco stood out is indeed a feather in its cap.

Operational Review

<u>Aluminium</u>

Production in Aluminium surged on the back of increased capacities from the Brownfield expansion.

- Metal production touched 78,581 MT vis-à-vis 66,867 MT in the corresponding period last year, reflecting a rise of 17.5%, mainly on account of the additional production from the new Potlines.
- Rolled product output of 17,967 MT reflects a 0.2% decline over that of 17,997 MT in the previous year.
- Extruded Products at 4,086 MT from 4,614 MT last year is down by 11.5%, because of a weak demand.
- Redraw Rods at 13,643 MT is 7.5% higher over the production of 12,691 MT in the comparable Quarter last year.

- The output of Alumina which is a key input was 146,793 MT, higher by 24.2% over production of 118,175 MT in the comparable period of the previous year.
- Power export from the Company's Renusagar Power Plant was 1,256 MU, a 19.2% increase over 1,054 MU achieved in the corresponding period last year.
- Production of Foil at 4,527 MT has grown by 2.0% over 4,437 MT attained in the corresponding period last year.
- Aluminium Alloy Wheels production rose from 7,131 wheels during the first quarter last year to 10,304 wheels this quarter.

Copper

As Birla Copper undertook a planned bi-annual shutdown of the Smelter during this Quarter, production has been lower compared to that of the previous year.

- Copper Cathodes production fell by 20% from 45,497 MT to 36,376 MT this year.
- The output of Continuous Cast Copper Rods rose by 6.6% to 18,921 MT visà-vis 17,744 MT in the corresponding quarter last year.
- Sulphuric Acid production at 94,714 MT is lower by 29.0% over 133,333 MT in the corresponding quarter last year.
- The production of DAP and Complex Fertilisers cratered by 64.0% from 91,476 MT to 32,939 MT this quarter.
- The output of Gold sugged by 14.9% from 801 Kg last year to 920 Kg in the first quarter of the current fiscal.
- Similarly, production of Silver soared by 26.9% to 5,917 Kg vis-à-vis 4,663 Kg in the corresponding quarter last year.

Brownfield Expansion

Aluminium

The commissioning of the 10th and the 11th Potlines marks another milestone in the Company's Brownfield expansion. The 10th Power Generating Unit of 80 MW and its Boiler at the Renusagar Power plant which have gone on stream, nearly complete the Brownfield expansion. With this the Smelter capacity stands raised to 345,000 tonnes annually, Alumina capacity at 660,000 tonnes and captive power generation at 779 MW.

This Rs. 1,800 Crores Brownfield expansion has been completed ahead of schedule and within the budget.

To leverage upon the Brownfield expansion, the Company plans to enhance the smelter capacity to 360,000 tonnes and the Alumina Refinery to 700,000 tonnes through de-bottlenecking. This will also entail installation of balancing equipment including another co-generation plant of 41 MW capacity. These activities are slated for completion in phases by the year 2004-05.

Copper

In the Copper division, a Brownfield expansion is underway as well. The smelting capacity has been ramped up from 150,000 tonnes to 250,000 tonnes per year. Currently trial runs are on and the facility will be commissioned shortly.

In Copper, the Company aspires to be among the top 10% cost competitive producers globally. To attain this stature the Company is in the process of finalizing another low cost Brownfield expansion at Dahej. Even as this is a forward-looking step Hindalco is in a vantage position as it can fully exploit the infrastructure potential at Dahej while ensuring cost reduction and growth ongoingly.

OUTLOOK

The Company believes that the long-term fundamentals of both Aluminium and Copper are strong and promise exciting growth prospects. In its view, in the short-term, the expectations of a global recovery have been belied and large economies such as the US, Europe and Japan are emitting mixed signals.

Closer to home, the Company feels that China is on a high growth trajectory. In fact, the Asian region's performance is also encouraging. The prosperity of these economies augurs well for both Aluminium and Copper sectors as a presages a rise in metal consumption, it opines.

Aluminium

On the domestic front, developments portend well for this sector.

In India, the Government's thrust on the power sector are infrastructure sectors is a good omen. The passage of the Electricity Bill is a positive sign. The auto sector is also in a growth mode. Building construction continues to be supported by a continuation of tax breaks, the falling cost of money and growing financing option. The packaging and the consumer durable segment is gaining a momentum as well. And the rain Gods seem kind.

All these factors, Hindalco believes, will fuel the sector's growth. The management's road map for forging ahead is based on:

- Firstly leveraging its ascendancy in the upstream and downstream business.
- Secondly growing the market aggressively on the wings of its recently launched branding initiative.
- Thirdly enhancing the market share of its new products and garnering maximum sale from its portfolio of value added products. In doing so, the Company intends to tap a far higher segment of the value chain. A large proportion of Aluminium reaches the customer in the form of downstream products such as Rolled products, Extrusions, and Foils mainly used in Transportation, Building Construction and Packaging sectors. Hindalco aims to have more than a significant presence in this segment.

Copper

In so far as the Copper sector is concerned, in the recent past the sector has faced a reversal. The domestic demand of refined copper fell by over 12%, primarily due to the explosive growth in the mobile network and WLL telephony in India. This in turn has led a reduction in the demand for copper from the Jelly Filled Telecom Cable (JFTC) sector which accounts for nearly 40% of the total copper consumption.

Additionally, the concentrate market too has progressively tightened. The growth in the smelter capacity coupled with a squeeze on concentrate availability due to the mines cut back and closures has created a demand supply gap. This has resulted in lower Treatment and Refining Charges for long-term contracts during 2003. The spot market continued to remain sluggish as stocks at mines and smelters dried up. Against such a milieu, the Company's Copper division has been able to secure a substantial quantity of concentrates under long-term contracts.

The Company is also he peful of some of the mines reopening and production picking up. The outlook on copper prices seems to be bullish. Collectively, these factors should alter the concentrate market and TC/RC would improve hopefully in the foreseeable future.

The Company's strategy for sustained profitability and growth is three pronged.

- Firstly to remain export driven and strengthen its presence in markets where there is a visible demand-supply gap, such as those in the Middle-East and the Asian region. The LME Grade "A" accreditation positions Birla Copper very favourably in global markets. With the capacity ramp up, the Company is well on its way to becoming a globally cost-competitive producer.
- Secondly in the domestic markets, it aims to leverage its leadership position, riding on its superior products, customer and technical ervice capabilities; and
- Thirdly it hopes to add further value to by-products generated at its Copper plant as these have the potential to be profit drivers.

Hindalco views the future with great optimism and believes that in the year 200. -04 it will grow significantly in revenues and parnings. Its main goal of pursuing the creation of shareholder value will continue unrelentingly.



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	(b) Consumption of Raw Materials	5,208	5,992	73,280	Less: Inter S.
	(c) Staff Cost	\$85	523	2,228	Not Sales/Inc
	(d) Many Juring Expenses	2,354	2,103	9,125	
	(e) Other Expenditure	199	710	3,218	2. Segment Re
7	Interest & Finance Charges	451	351	1,201	Tax and into
- '	Gross Profit	3,580	3,563	13,269	(a). Aluminium l
9	Depreciation	717	633	2,642	(b). Copper Busin
_	Profit before Tax & Extraordinary Items	2,863	2,930	10,627	
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	(b) Percentage of shareholding	75.63%	76.99%	75.1.0	
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-	Segment Revenue			
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9		11,555	11,979	49,755
	Less: Inter Sogment Revenue	•	•	
	Net Sales/Income from operations	11,555	11,979	49,755
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9	(b) Coppe Dustries	2.674	2,913	10,445
	Less: Interest & Finance Charges	(451)	(351)	(1,201)
		2,223	2,562	6,244
	Add: Other un-allocable Income net			
	off un-allocable expenses	640	368	1,383
	Profit before Tax & Extraordinary Items	2,863	2,930	10,627
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	Segment Habilities)			,
3	(a). Aluminium Business	38,436	33,264	38,502
€	(h) Copper Business	26,613	22,511	24,014
9		65,049	55,775	62,516
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3. In June 2003 the Company has raised foreign currency loan of Rs. 230 Crores for five years at a floating rate linked to LIBOR.

4. Disclosure relating to number of complaints from investors during the quarter.

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5. Consequence incress of first quarter of financial year 2002-03 have been restated for giving effect of amalgamation of remaining business (after sincepar of fertilizar business at Jagdishpar) of Indo Gulf Corporation Limited with the Company w.e.f. 1st April, 2002. However, paid-ingity. By sand non-promoter shareholding number character characteristics.

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6. The above results have been taken on record at the meeting of the Board of Dursdon of the Company held on Thursday, 31st July, 2003.

The quartetly results for the poriod ended 30th June, 2003 have been reviewed by the Auditors

Place: Mumbai Dated: 31st July, 2003

By and on behalf of the Board

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Kind Attn:- Shri Sanjay Golecha, Dy. Gen. Manager

Dear Sir,

Sub: Appointment of Shri D. Bhattacharya,

Further to our Letter No.AJJ:PVK:500:2003 dated 11th July, 2003, please note that the Board of Directors of the Company at their Meeting held today decided that Shri D. Bhattacharya shall be Managing Director of the Compan, for the period of 5 years, effective from 1st week of October, 2003.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, For Hindako Industries Limited

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